(c) whether the workmen at the Alang yard are exposed to toxic material and if so, steps being taken to protect them from environmental hazards?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) In view of the potential environmental and health hazards posed by ship breaking activity, detailed guidelines have been developed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to ensure that ship-breaking activities are carried out in an environmentally sound manner. The Supreme Court has also given wide ranging directions on ship breaking activity to ensure safety of the workers as well as protection of the environment. The guideline and Supreme Court directions have been sent to all the relevant bodies and authorities such as the concerned State Pollution Control Boards including Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Gujarat Maritime Board etc. for strict compliance.

Permission was recently granted to a Norwegian ship "Hesperus" for berthing at Alang ship breaking yard, Gujarat, after detailed investigations by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board and in consultation with the CPCB. At present, the transboundary movements of ships destined for breaking purpose do not attract the Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.

NGOs in tiger conservation

1139. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the details of the Organisations in the Non-Governmental sector actively involved in tiger conservation in the wild/natural habitats in the State of Orissa during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): The details of Non-Governmental Organisations involved in tiger conservation in the wild/natural habitats of Orissa, as received from the State given below:

Sl. No.	Name of Organisation	Nature of contribution involvement	Location/impact
1.	MASS, Baripada Contact: Mr. Deepak Pani	Organisation of motivation camps, canvassing environment friendly habits.	Simlipal Sustained impact/presence.
2.	Wildlife Society of Orissa, Cuttack Contact: Mr. Biswajeet Mohanty	Draws attention of the Govt. to specific issues. Effective advocacy for the cause of tiger conservation, and motivation of people in the periphery of tiger reserve.	Major Protected Areas. Specifically interested in issues relating to protection. Highlights killing/trade/display of wildlife.
3.	Wild Orissa, Bhubaneswar Contact: Mr. S. Bhujabal	It is an effective advocacy group	Major Protected Areas of Orissa
4.	Youth Rural Development Organization, Baripada. Contact: Mr. J. Mohapatra	Motivation of people for relocation outside Tiger Reserve.	Simlipal
5.	DASI, Baripada Contact: Mrs. J.M. Das	Focusing in gainful engagement of women for reducing direct impact on Protected Areas	Simlipal
6.	Nature and Wildlife Conservation Society of Orissa, Bhubaneswar. Contact: Honorary Secretary, O/O Director, Nandankanan	Active in channelising donor funds for Programmes relating to tiger conservation, particularly with respect to motivation camps	Simlipal

People residing in reserved and protected forests

1140. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people residing in the reserved forests and protected forests in different States of the country at present, State-wise;

(b) how many of them have been residing there since the period prior to 1980;